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## Tripp Davis and Associates' Restoration of Dallas' Northwood Club Named the No. 1 Elite Best Country Club in DFW Area



**Norman, OK (March 20, 2019)** — The Northwood Club in Dallas was recently recognized as the Best Country Club in Dallas/Fort Worth in the Elite Category and also honored as the Best Course Renovation of the Year by AvidGolfer DFW Magazine. The renovation work was conducted by architect Tripp Davis and Associates (TDA). Davis' redesign was called “astounding” and “fantastic,” and his work was praised for “keeping the course mostly intact while using subtlety to update the layout.”

AvidGolfer also highly ranked the 14<sup>th</sup> hole at Northwood Club as the Best Par 5 and the best tee shot in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

“I am honored to have Northwood recognized by AvidGolfer Magazine as the Best Elite Country Club and Best Renovation in Dallas/Fort Worth,” said Davis. “Our approach was to restore the original character found in Mr. Diddel’s greens, rebuild the bunkers to reflect Diddel’s style, and reposition bunkers and tees to be more strategically relevant for today’s game. To see our work elevate the status of Northwood is very gratifying.”

Originally designed by William Diddel in 1946, Northwood hosted the 1952 U.S. Open making it one of only three courses in Texas ever to have hosted this championship. Northwood also has been the site for several regional USGA, local North Texas PGA and AJGA tournaments.

Starting in 2016, TDA oversaw an 18-month major renovation of the historic course and unveiled a refreshing new look to its membership in April 2018.



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TDA and builder Landscapes Unlimited restored all tees, greens and bunkers and reshaped most fairways, along with providing new cart paths, drainage and a new irrigation system. TDA introduced Northbridge, a new Bermudagrass, which is used over the entire course with the exception of the Bentgrass greens. In addition, creeks on the property were restored and a new irrigation lake was built to help the club recapture more water. Trees that were hiding the quality of the land were removed. Davis and his crew also rebuilt the practice facilities, including the driving range, and designed a 4 hole “Short Course” to broaden the playing options, especially for junior golfers. The “Short Course,” with holes ranging from 50-120 yards long, opened late November 2017.



### **About Tripp Davis and Associates**

**Tripp Davis and Associates** (TDA) was founded in 1994 and has offices in Norman, Oklahoma, and New York City. TDA practices golf architecture with an unparalleled passion for craftsmanship of unique landscapes and strategic details. Tripp Davis, a decorated amateur golfer, was a member of the 1989 National Championship Golf Team and a NCAA All-American selection while at the University of Oklahoma. He continues to play select amateur events each year.

Tripp’s abilities as a world-class player give him a unique insight into those subtle details in strategy that can make a golf course an interesting challenge for better players, while proving an enjoyable test for the average golfer. His knowledge of the game has also been incorporated into the development of innovative practice facilities that give players the opportunity to practice the right shots in the right way, thus expanding their golfing abilities and their appreciation for the game.

Davis earned a Master’s Degree in Landscape Architecture from The University of Oklahoma and is a Member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

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